

**ST. NEOTS**  
**URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL**



**ANNUAL REPORT**

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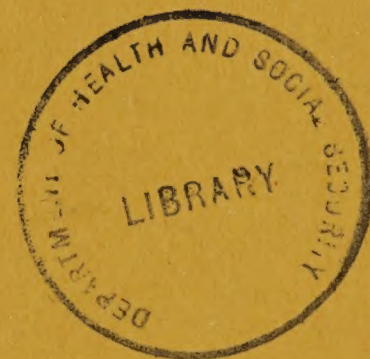
**MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH**

AND

**PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR**

FOR THE YEAR

**1969**









ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF  
HEALTH

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FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT OF SAINT NEOTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1969

To: The Chairman and Members of the St. Neots Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the health and sanitary conditions of the District for the year ended 31st December, 1969.

Vital Statistics

Population. During the year population rose by 710 bringing the latest estimate to 13,710. This increase is considerably lower than that which has been taken place in recent years.

Birth Rate. A slight upward trend in the birth rate is noted this year and the rate now stands just fractionally below the figure for England and Wales as a whole. There were 274 births credited to the district in 1969 - 28 more than in the previous year despite the fact that the population increase this year was almost 450 less than in 1968. 4 still births occurred this year compared with 2 last year.

Death Rate. The local adjusted death rate shows a slight downward trend this year and the rate now stands just below the national average. Exactly 50% of the deaths were due to cardiovascular conditions and 17.4% to Malignant disease.

Infant Mortality. 5 infants died before reaching the age of 1 year in 1969 as compared with 3 the previous year.

The Infant Mortality Rate this year is consequently considerably raised but the actual number of infant deaths is small.







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Infectious Diseases. Notifiable infectious disease was minimal in its incidence during the year - only 19 notifications being received.

It is a pleasing feature to note that there was no outbreak of any infection in 1969 despite the influx of new population.

Measles figure much less prominently this year than it did in 1968 and it may very well be that this condition will figure less and less in the future if vaccination against it is taken up by the susceptible individuals.

### Social Conditions.

Hospital Facilities. Since the publication of the Bonham Carter Report the Council has expressed its concern that plans for the new hospital in Huntingdon may be abandoned. Meetings with representatives of Planning Authorities have been held when general concern was expressed at the possibility that the present hospital at Huntingdon would be reduced to the status of a "peripheral unit".

Further joint discussions between the Local Authorities are planned to take place in the near future.

Main Drainage. The contract for the Eaton Socon Relief Sewer commenced in November 1969 and is expected to be completed about July 1970.

A contract for further trunk sewers in Eaton Socon together with the extension of the Eaton Ford Pumping Station will be let as soon as possible after Ministry approval is received.

Also further extensions of the Sewage Treatment Works will be commenced as soon as possible after Ministry approval is obtained.





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Housing. The development of the town had continued with considerable momentum and during the year 164 Council dwellings and 184 private houses were completed and occupied.

Medical Officer of Health:

In conclusion I should like to express my thanks to Mr. Ostler and all other members of the Department's staff for the assistance they have given me and for all the work they have carried out during the year.

Public Health Inspector:

R.A. Ostler, M.A.P.H.I., D.O.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant,

Meat Inspector Assistant (Authorized)

D.R. Hill (Cere. of Meat Inspection, R.S.P.)

JAMES CALDWELL



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Your obedient servant,

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## SOCIAL STATISTICS

Total Area            2,722 acres

St. Neots	996 acres
Eynesbury	395 acres
Eaton Socon	1,331 acres

### Estimated Population

Mid-1968	13,000
Mid-1969	13,710

### Rateable Value

As at 1st April, 1969	£519,294
Product of a Penny Rate	£2,233

No. of inhabited houses                            4,028







St. Neots Urban District Council.

Vital Statistics for the year 1969

Estimated mid-year population ..... 13,710

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	127	128	255
Illegitimate	11	8	19
	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>
Totals	138	136	274
	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>

Birth rate per 1,000 estimated population ..... 20.0  
Birth rate corrected by comparability factor (.80) .... 16.0  
Birth rate per 1,000 population (England and Wales) ... 16.3

Still Births

Legitimate	1	3	4
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>
Totals	1	3	4
	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>

Still birth rate per 1,000 total live and still births ... 14  
Still birth rate per 1,000 total live and still births  
(England and Wales) ..... 13

<u>Deaths</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>115</u>
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Death rate per 1,000 estimated population ..... 8.4  
Death rate corrected by comparability factor (1.40) ..... 11.8  
Death rate per 1,000 estimated population (England and  
Wales) ..... 11.9







Vital Statistics for the year 1969 (Cont'd)

Infant Mortality - Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	4	1	5
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>

Infant Mortality rate (Deaths of Infants under 1 year per  
1,000 live births ..... 18  
Infant Mortality rate (England and Wales) ..... 18

Table classifying deaths under age groups

<u>Age</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Under 4 weeks	2	1	3
4 weeks and under 1 year	2	-	2
1 year and under 5 years	1	-	1
5 and under 15 years	-	-	-
15 and under 25 years	3	-	3
25 and under 35 years	-	1	1
35 and under 45 years	1	1	2
45 and under 55 years	3	1	4
55 and under 65 years	14	6	20
65 and under 75 years	22	9	31
75 years and over	24	24	48
	<u>72</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>115</u>
Totals	72	43	115







## St. Neots Urban District Council

The following table indicates the trend in population, birth and death rates for the District over the past 5 years:-

	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>
Population	9,900	11,080	11,900	13,000	13,710
<u>Births</u>					
Total live births	205	253	255	246	274
Crude birth rate	20.7	22.8	21.4	18.9	20.0
Area comparability factor	.89	.89	.82	.79	.80
Corrected birth rate	18.4	20.3	17.6	14.9	16.0
Birth rate (England and Wales)	18.1	17.7	17.2	16.9	16.3

## Deaths

Total Deaths	86	88	103	116	115
Crude death rate	8.7	7.9	8.7	8.9	8.4
Area comparability factor	1.10	1.16	1.42	1.41	1.40
Corrected death rate	9.6	9.2	12.4	12.5	11.8
Death rate (England and Wales)	11.5	11.7	11.2	11.9	11.9

## Notification of Infectious Disease during 1969

	<u>Total cases notified</u>
Scarlet Fever	2
Whooping Cough	1
Diphtheria	-
Measles	14
Typhoid Fever	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-
Infective Jaundice	2
Food Poisoning	-
Dysentery	-
Acute Meningitis	-
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Causes of Deaths

(Registrar General's List)

<u>List No.</u>	<u>Causes</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
B4	Enteritis and Other Diarrhoeal Diseases	1	-
B19(3)	Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach	3	-
B19(4)	Malignant Neoplasm - Intestine	4	-
B19(6)	Malignant Neoplasm - Lung, Bronchus	7	1
B19(7)	Malignant Neoplasm - Breast	-	1
B19(11)	Other Malignant Neoplasms	-	3
B20	Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	-	1
B21	Diabetes Mellitus	2	2
B26	Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	-	1
B27	Hypertensive Disease	1	-
B28	Ischaemic Heart Disease	19	11
B29	Other Forms of Heart Disease	2	3
B30	Cerebrovascular Disease	7	5
B46(5)	Other Diseases of Circulatory System	5	4
B32	Pneumonia	5	4
B33(1)	Bronchitis and Emphysema	4	2
B46(6)	Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	-
B34	Peptic Ulcer	1	-
B46(7)	Other Diseases of Digestive System	-	1
B38	Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	1
B39	Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	-
B46(8)	Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	-	1
B46(10)	Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	1	-
B42	Congenital Anomalies	1	-
B43	Birth Injury, Difficult Labour etc.	1	-
B44	Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	-	1
BE47	Motor Vehicle Accidents	4	-
BE48	All Other Accidents	1	1
Total all causes		<u>72</u>	<u>43</u>





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TUBERCULOSIS

Total number on Register at 31st December, 1969 ..... 35

Pulmonary ..... 31

Non-Pulmonary ..... 4

No new cases diagnosed

No new cases transferred

No action was found to be necessary under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1952, in connection with persons suffering from Tuberculosis employed in the milk trade, or under section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936, which deals with the compulsory removal to hospital of persons suffering from Tuberculosis.





St. Neots Urban District Council.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

(a) Laboratory Facilities

The following facilities have been available to this Authority and to General Practitioners in the area:-

Public Health Laboratory Services, Tennis Court Road,  
Cambridge (Tel. Cambridge 55526)

Public Analyst (S. Greenburgh, Ph.D., B.Sc., F.I.C.)  
Tenison Road, Cambridge (Tel. Cambridge 2097)

(b) Ambulance Service.

Ambulance administered by the County Ambulance Service operating in conjunction with the County Fire Service, have been available on doctor's orders. (Tel. Huntingdon 3348)

(c) Home Nursing

Nurse/Midwives employed and supervised by the Huntingdon and Peterborough County Council carried out home nursing and attended maternity cases in the District.

(d) Clinic and Treatment Centres.

(i) The following Health Services were provided by the Huntingdon and Peterborough County Council:-

<u>Clinic</u>	<u>Patients seen</u>	<u>When held</u>	<u>Where held</u>
Minor Ailments	School children	Every Monday 9.30-10.30 a.m.	Child Health Centre, Nursery Road, Huntingdon.
Infant Welfare	Children (0-5 years)	Thursday 2-4 p.m. and 2nd Monday in month 2-4 p.m.	Child Health Centre, Almond Road, St. Neots.





<u>Clinic</u>	<u>Patients seen</u>	<u>When held</u>	<u>Where held</u>
Infant Welfare		Every 2nd Tuesday 2-4 p.m.	The Women's Institute Hall, The Green, Eaton Socon.
Dental	Pre-school and school children	By appointment	Child Health Centre, Almond Road, St. Neots.
	Pre-natal and Nursing Mothers	By appointment	Child Health Centre, Almond Road, St. Neots.

(ii) The following Health Services were provided by the  
Regional Hospital Board:-

<u>Clinic</u>	<u>Patients seen</u>	<u>When held</u>	<u>Where held</u>
Chest	All ages	Every Thursday 9.30-12.30 p.m. 2-3 p.m.	County Hospital, Huntingdon.
Venereal Disease	All cases	Tuesday and Thursday from 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.	Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge.
	Males	Monday from 5p.m) Wednesday from 5.30 p.m.	Memorial Hospital, Out-patients Department, Peterborough.
	Females	Tuesday from 10.30 a.m. Thursday from 4.30 p.m.	
Orthopaedic	Pre-school and school children	By appointment	
			Child Health Centre, Almond Road, St. Neots.





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- (iii) The following service is provided under the Supplementary Ophthalmic Scheme of the National Health Service:-

<u>Clinic</u>	<u>Patients seen</u>	<u>When held</u>	<u>Where held</u>
Ophthalmic	Pre-school and school children	By appointment	Child Health Centre Nursery Road, Huntingdon.

Medical, Surgical, Orthopaedic, Paediatric, Skin, Obstetrical, Gynaecological and Dental Out-Patients Clinics are held at Huntingdon County Hospital and Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge to which Practitioners can refer their patients for specialist investigation.

### (e) Hospital Services

Fever. Cases of Infectious Disease requiring Hospital treatment were admitted to Isolation Hospitals at Cambridge, Peterborough or Ely.

General Hospital Services were provided by the County Hospital, Huntingdon and Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge.

Maternity Cases were admitted to Primrose Lane Maternity Hospital, Huntingdon and to Mill Road, Maternity Hospital, Cambridge.

Clinics run by the Family Planning Association are held at the Child Health Centre, Nursery Road, Huntingdon every Wednesday, evening 7-8.30 p.m. and the Child Health Centre, Almond Road, St. Neots every Tuesday evening 7-9 p.m. and the 1st and 3rd Thursday from 9.30-11.30 a.m. and the Child Health Centre, Ramsey Road, St. Ives on the 2nd and 4th Monday from 9.30-11 a.m.





To the Chairman and Members of the St. Neots Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to include my report for the year 1969.

This year has been overshadowed by a proposal to construct a Third London Airport at Thurleigh. Fears that if this were implemented, our developing town would be blighted by noise were found to have justification when a change of siting (Thurleigh 'C') was announced at a late stage in the hearings. It is now apparent that if this site were chosen the whole town would be seriously affected, at least half of it lying within the estimated 40 NNI contour.

Our population will soon have trebled over ten years as a result of the decision of noise-weary Londoners to choose a more peaceful life in St. Neots. I concur with the Clerk's opinion that if Thurleigh 'C' were chosen, the continued enjoyment of their new quality of life could only be preserved by razing our town and rebuilding it elsewhere, and I am glad of the Council's strenuous opposition.

With the declaration and confirmation of a further Clearance Area this year, only a few isolated dwellings are believed to remain 'unfit' as at present legally defined. Sadly there remain many with a lack of amenities which should be unacceptable in an age of luxury air travel. Can I hope that the new Housing Act, 1969, which offers such welcome new incentives to improvement, marks the beginning of an era when no house which lacks a bath, hot water and inside toilet will be considered fit for human habitation.

May I express my appreciation of the support received from the various members of the Council and of the co-operation and help afforded by other officers.

*R.A. Ostler*

R.A. OSTLER  
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR





# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

## LICENCES AND REGISTRATIONS

### Caravan Site etc. Act 1960

Private Site (one caravan only) 1

A further site containing fifty caravans is maintained by the Council at Eynesbury.

### Slaughterhouse Act, 1958.

Private abattoir 1

### Slaughter of Animals Act.

Slaughterman's licences (renewal) 6

" " (new) 1

### Game Act 1931

Game Dealers 4

### Pet Animals Act 1951.

Pet Shops 3

Tropical fish breeder 1

### Food and Drugs Act 1955.

Registrations for storage and sale of icecream and manufacture of preserved foods etc. to date 44

Registration of milk distributors, to date 5

### Petroleum (Regulation) Acts, 1928 and 1936.

Storage of petroleum spirit or mixtures 37

Storage of carbide of calcium Nil

### Scrap Metal Dealers Act 1964.

The previous registrations for three premises lapsed during 1968, and no applications for re-registration were received during 1969.





## INFORMAL FOOD - SAMPLES

The following samples were taken during the year and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory in Cambridge.

### Icecream

Grade I	(Satisfactory)	-	14
Grade II	(Satisfactory)	-	3
Grade III	(Unsatisfactory)	-	1
Grade IV	(Unsatisfactory)	-	1

### Milk

14 samples of pasteurised milk were taken from five dealers in the town, all but one (from a cafe counter dispenser) being satisfactory.

## WATER

A total of 47 samples were taken for bacteriological examination as follows:-

### Mains

From Bedfordshire supply	-	6 (all satisfactory)
From Nene and Ouse supply	-	15 (all satisfactory)

In one case only were coliform organisms reported present, these not being type I.

### Swimming Pools

St. Neots Swimming Pool	-	6 (all quite satisfactory)
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From three school learner pools -  
5 (all satisfactory)





## MEAT INSPECTION

At the only abattoir in the district, one hundred per cent inspection was maintained by a full-time inspector, who was in attendance during almost the entire period of slaughtering hours.

Fortunately, although the times and rates of slaughter vary most unpredictably, they are confined to reasonable hours, and it was not found necessary to evoke the power to fix times of slaughtering under the Meat Inspection (Amendment) Regulations 1966.

The abattoir is fully approved and regularly inspected by the Ministry of Agriculture for the export of meat to the continent. Consignments have been mainly of sheep, and these are additionally inspected by an authorised veterinary officer.

The following table shows the number of animals killed and inspected during 1969, the comparative figures for 1968 being shown in brackets.

<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Total</u>
468 (667)	12 (3)	98 (37)	24,473 (22,704)	26,693 (30,178)	51,744 (53,599)

### Animals affected by disease or injury, and condemnations.

	<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Pigs</u>
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	3	-	15	69
Part or organ condemned	164	-	-	3,192	1,743
Percentage affected	35%	25%	-	13.1%	6.8%

### Tuberculosis only

Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Part or organ condemned	-	-	-	-	59
Percentage affected	-	-	-	-	0.22%





There was a complete absence of cysticerci found during the year, and this circumstance may be explained by the fact that the diminishing number of cattle slaughtered were mainly barley-fed.

### Poultry

There are at present no poultry-slaughtering establishments in the district, and inspection is limited to visual examination of those exposed for sale at the market and shops.





## REASONS FOR CONDEMNATION

The following are the reasons for the seizure of whole carcasses shown in the table above:-

<u>Cows</u>	Septic pleurisy, septic nephritis, septic peritonitis ..	3
<u>Sheep</u>	Oedema with emaciation .....	10
	Moribund, septic metritis, gangrene, septic pneumonia, suffocation .....	5
<u>Pigs</u>	Multiple abscesses, mainly connected with tail-biting ..	20
	Pyæmia .....	21
	Septic arthritis .....	6
	Septic pleurisy .....	4
	Gangrene .....	4
	Septicaemia .....	3
	Oedema and emaciation .....	3
	Septic pericarditis and pneumonia .....	3
	Anaemia .....	2
	Moribund, malodour, jaundice .....	3

## UNSOUND FOOD SURRENDERED OR CONDEMNED

	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Cwt</u>	<u>Lbs</u>
Meat seized at abattoir			
(i) Carcase meat	5	19	6
(ii) Offal	7	3	9
Meat at retail shops		3	18
Cooked meat and meat products			12
Canned meats			88
Canned foods other than meat		6	11
Other Foods		3	87
	<hr/> 13	<hr/> 16	<hr/> 7

A further 4 cwt of miscellaneous items of frozen foods were accepted for surrender owing to refrigeration failure.





## FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1955

### Section 2

A resident complained of receiving a bottle of milk which contained a dead snail. On prosecution of the bottling firm a fine of £25 was imposed. Plans are now in hand for the installation of electronic detectors which it is hoped will stop such frequent complaints of dirty bottles by eliminating the human failings of spotters.

### Section 8

Investigation of a complaint of mouldy, rancid cakes sold from a supermarket showed that little blame could be attributed to the retailer, but that there had been serious delays in delivery by the supplier. In addition some items were not coded due to mechanical failure.

A letter of warning was sent and no further trouble has been experienced.





## FOOD PREMISES IN DISTRICT

Sweets and Confectionery	6
General Stores	31
Fishmongers	2
Dairies	2
Butchers	10
Bakers	3
Bread and Cake Shops	3
Hotels	9
Licensed premises other than hotels, off-licenses	27
Cafes and restaurants	10
Fish Friers	2
Mobile Fish Friers' premises	1
Greengrocers	6
Pie manufacturers	1
Maltsters	1
Flour Mill	1
Works and School Canteens	14

## FACTORIES ACT 1961

	<u>No on register</u>	<u>No of Inspections</u>	<u>Deficiencies found</u>
Factories with mechanical power	74	6	—
Workplaces	5	—	—
	<u>79</u>	<u>6</u>	

## OUTWORKERS

The number of outworkers reported as employed within the district is as follows:-

Assembly and painting of plastic toys	47
Leather work and glove manufacture	13
	<u>60</u>

No instances were found of work in unwholesome premises.





## NOISE ABATEMENT ACT. 1960

Among complaints received, those of noise have been surprisingly prominent. They include the usual annoyances caused by chimes from vending vehicles, unsilenced roadbreakers, amplified music etc. However, a more permanent problem arises from the siting of factories in close association with dwellinghouses.

In a report requested by Ministry circular the opinion was expressed that past deficiencies in Planning control in our district were largely to blame for this situation.

The authorities are now alerted to this problem, and careful separation and screening will be insisted upon in a new industrial area which is proposed.

## Feminine Waste Disposal

The increasing provision of flats without open grates or any private area of garden on which waste can be burnt produces certain waste disposal problems, particularly in cases of home confinement.

Fortunately a partial solution has now been offered locally by the arrangement that an incinerator in our new Ambulance Station will be made available for the destruction of such waste on the recommendation of the nurse attending the confinement. This will be only in cases where proper facilities for alternative disposal are lacking.



OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

A. Registration and General Inspections.

Class of Premises	No of premises registered during year	No of premises registered at end of year	No of premises receiving general inspection during the year
Offices	9	43	1
Retail Shops	2	70	11
Wholesale shops, warehouses	1	5	1
Catering establishments, canteens	2	16	3
Fuel storage depots	-	1	-
	14	135	16

Total number of visits of all kinds made 71

The total number of persons employed in these premises was 873  
(366 males and 507 females)





B. Analysis of Contraventions.

Section	No of contraventions found	
4	Cleanliness	1
5	Overcrowding	1
6	Temperature	2
8	Lighting	2
9	Sanitary conveniences	2
10	Washing facilities	1
13	Sitting facilities	1
24	First Aid	3

C. Exemptions

No exemptions are now current and no new application was received during the year.

D. Prosecutions

None were instituted during the year.

E. Accidents

No accidents were reported this year.





## HOUSING

### A. Repair - Housing and Public Health Acts.

#### (1) Sections 9, 10 and 16. Housing Act 1957

No of notices served - <u>Informal</u>	Nil
<u>Formal</u>	Nil

#### (2) Public Health Acts.

No of notices served - 11. <u>Informal</u>	8
<u>Formal</u>	1

No of houses repaired after service of notices -	9
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### B. Beyond Repair - Housing Act 1957

1. Undertakings accepted (Section 16)	.....	3
2. Undertakings cancelled	.....	Nil
3. Closing Orders made (Section 17)	.....	Nil
4. Demolition Order made (Section 17)	.....	Nil
5. Closing Orders made (Section 18)	.....	Nil
6. Closing Orders determined	.....	1

### C. Clearance Areas.

No of clearance areas confirmed	One
No of dwellings in above	10

### D. Improvement Grants (information supplied by Engineer and Surveyor)

#### (1) Standard Grants

1. No of applications approved	
(a) owner/occupiers	Nil
(b) tenanted houses	2



D. Improvement Grants (Cont'd)

(2) No of dwellings improved:

(a) owner/occupier	2
(b) tenanted houses	5

(3) Amount paid in grants £1,030

(4) Amenities provided All amenities in each case

(2) Discretionary Grants.

1. No of applications received

(a) owner/occupiers	1
(b) tenanted houses	Nil

2. No of dwellings improved

(a) owner/occupiers	4
(b) tenanted houses	Nil

3. Amount paid in grants £941

E. Housing Acts 1964 and 1969

1. Improvement Areas

No improvement areas have been declared to date.

2. Improvement of dwellings not in improvement areas.

A joint representation from five tenants in a terrace led to service of preliminary notices on the owner, who responded by offering the houses for sale to the Council.

F. Rent Act 1957

No applications for Certificates of Disrepair or for the cancellation of Certificates were received.

G. Houses in Multiple Occupation

There are only two houses known to be in this category, for which informal control has been found adequate.





## RODENT CONTROL

A private firm, Messrs. South Beds. Pest Control, provide a service on contract for control of vermin and insects in domestic premises, and for baiting of sewers and Council properties. No service is now offered to business premises.

<u>Number of properties in district</u>	<u>5,573</u>
Total No of properties inspected on complaint	250
No infested by (a) rats	181
(b) mice	16
Properties inspected in connection with above	197
No infested by (a) rats	55
(b) mice	4
Sewer manholes baited	144
No. found infested	4
No. of insect infestations treated	45





